

March 31, 1980

Memo to File:

RE: Rancher's Exploration and
Development Corporation
ACT/021/004

Jim Smith and Tom Suchoski, of the Division staff, met with representatives of the Escalante Water Users Association, on March 25, 1980 at Beryl Junction, Utah. The purpose of the meeting was to allow the farmers, represented by Mike Brown, to express their concern about the proposed pumping by Rancher's for dewatering the mine.

The main activity was to view the areas of concern to the farmers. The Escalante Valley is different than most other farming areas of the state in that the major portion of the irrigation water is obtained from groundwater pumping.

It appears that the farmers want a written agreement which indicates that Rancher's will replace any water affected by well draw down and a time table for such replacement.

Attached is a copy of the concerns of the farmers as expressed to the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining.

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